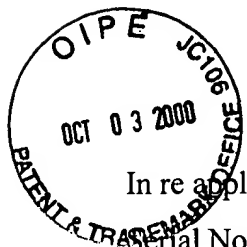


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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to the initial review, please amend the application as follows.

**IN THE CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

Please delete the current statement in its entirety and insert therefore:

--This application is a Continuation-in-Part of pending U.S. Patent Application Serial  
No. 09/378,221 entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ACCESSING A REMOTE  
LOCATION BY SCANNING AN OPTICAL CODE," filed on August 19, 1999, which is

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5 a Continuation-in-Part of pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/151,471 entitled  
"METHOD FOR INTERFACING SCANNED PRODUCT INFORMATION WITH A  
SOURCE FOR THE PRODUCT OVER A GLOBAL NETWORK" filed on September 11,  
1998, and U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/151,530 entitled "METHOD FOR  
CONTROLLING A COMPUTER WITH AN AUDIO SIGNAL" filed on September 11,  
1998, and which issued on August 1, 2000 as U.S. Patent No. 6,098,106; the present  
10 application being related to the following pending U.S. Patent Applications: Serial No.  
09/378,219 entitled "INTERACTIVE DOLL," filed on August 19, 1999; Serial No.  
09/378,222 entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR EMBEDDING ROUTING  
INFORMATION TO A REMOTE WEB SITE IN AN AUDIO/VIDEO TRACK," filed on  
August 19, 1999; Serial No. 09/378,220 entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
15 CONTROLLING A COMPUTER FROM A REMOTE LOCATION," filed on August 19,  
1999; Serial No. 09/378,216 entitled "A METHOD FOR CONTROLLING A COMPUTER  
USING AN EMBEDDED UNIQUE CODE IN THE CONTENT OF VIDEO TAPE  
MEDIA," filed on August 19, 1999; Serial No. 09/378,218 entitled "A METHOD FOR  
CONTROLLING A COMPUTER USING AN EMBEDDED UNIQUE CODE IN THE  
20 CONTENT OF DVD MEDIA," filed on August 19, 1999; Serial No. 09/378,217 entitled "A  
METHOD FOR CONTROLLING A COMPUTER USING AN EMBEDDED UNIQUE  
CODE IN THE CONTENT OF CD MEDIA," filed on August 19, 1999; Serial No.  
09/378,215 entitled "A METHOD FOR CONTROLLING A COMPUTER USING AN  
EMBEDDED UNIQUE CODE IN THE CONTENT OF DAT MEDIA," filed on August 19,  
25 1999; and related to the following co-pending U.S. Patent Applications filed on even date  
with the present application: Serial No. 09/382,427 entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS  
FOR OPENING AND LAUNCHING A WEB BROWSER IN RESPONSE TO AN  
AUDIBLE SIGNAL;" Serial No. 09/382,426 entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
COMPLETING, SECURING AND CONDUCTING AN E-COMMERCE  
30 TRANSACTION;" Serial No. 09/382,424 entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
TRACKING USER PROFILE AND HABITS ON A GLOBAL NETWORK;" Serial No.  
09/382,373 entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR LAUNCHING A WEB SITE

WITH A NON-STANDARD CONTROL INPUT DEVICE;" Serial No. 09/382,374 entitled  
"METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ALLOWING A BROADCAST TO REMOTELY  
35 CONTROL A COMPUTER;" Serial No. 09/382,371 entitled "METHOD AND  
APPARATUS FOR LAUNCHING A WEB SITE IN RESPONSE TO SCANNING OF A  
PRODUCT CODE;" Serial No. 09/382,372 entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
MATCHING A USER'S USE PROFILE IN COMMERCE WITH A BROADCAST;" Serial  
No. 09/382,423 entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR UTILIZING AN AUDIBLE  
40 SIGNAL TO INDUCE A USER TO SELECT AN E-COMMERCE FUNCTION;" Serial No.  
09/382,421 entitled "A COMBINED PRODUCT CODE AND INSIGNIA FOR  
SIGNIFYING AN INTERNAL INTERACTIVE CODE;" Serial No. 09/382,420 entitled  
"DIGITAL ID FOR SELECTING WEB BROWSER AND USE PREFERENCES OF A  
USER DURING USE OF A WEB APPLICATION;" Serial No. 09/382,422 entitled  
45 "UNIQUE ID FOR IDENTIFYING A USER AND FACILITATING AN E-COMMERCE  
TRANSACTION;" Serial No. 09/382,377 entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
LINKING A WEB BROWSER TO A PROMOTIONAL OFFER OVER A GLOBAL  
NETWORK;" Serial No. 09/382,376 entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
CONTROLLING A USER'S PC THROUGH AN AUDIO/VISUAL BROADCAST TO  
50 ARCHIVE INFORMATION IN THE USER'S PC;" Serial No. 09/382,375 entitled  
"METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR UTILIZING AN EXISTING PRODUCT CODE TO  
ISSUE A MATCH TO A PREDETERMINED LOCATION ON A GLOBAL NETWORK;"  
Serial. No. 09/379,699 entitled "NETWORK ROUTING UTILIZING A PRODUCT  
CODE;" and Serial No. 09/379,700 entitled "METHOD FOR INTERCONNECTING TWO  
55 LOCATIONS OVER A NETWORK IN RESPONSE TO USING A TOOL."--

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Page 9, line 10, change "embodiment; and" to --embodiment;--.

Page 9 line 12, change "." to --;--.

Page 11 line 14, change "from" to --form--.